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THE KEMP, MOORE, STRATFORD, MC KILNON

AND LYTLE FAMILIES

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Lytle, Leonard
Kemp, Moore, Stratford, McKinnon,
and Lytle families. Compiled by
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1. Kemp family. 2. Moore family.
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William Kemp was possibly a native of Forres, Morayshire, Scotland, and probably came to America about 1836. He was a skilled stone cutter and mason and worked on buildings in Cleveland, Ohio and St. Louis, Mo.

He married Mary Moore, who tradition says was born in Canada, possibly near Toronto. The place of marriage is not known but their third child, Sarah Ellen was born at Zanesville, Ohio on Sept., 1, 1842. The U.S. Census records for 1840 show heads of Moore families residing in the town of Zanesville as follows:

Perry Moore
Nancy Moore
Thos. "
Sarah " (-Evidently a widow as only one female
shown in the family, age 60 to 70.)
John "
Lemmon "
Cornelius "
Robert "
Geo. S.

No Kemps are listed in the town of Zanesville. The compiler also examined the 1840 census records for Zanesville Township and found no Moores or Kemps. He believes there is a strong possibility that Mary Moore was a daughter of one of the Moore families listed above.

William Kemp may have gone to Zanesville to work at his trade or he may have gone there to visit Moores, whom he may have known in Scotland.

The Kemps moved to Iowa City, the capital of the Territory of Iowa about 1842. They made the journey by way of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Mr. Kemp preempted a piece of farm land near the dam and within sight of the new Capitol building. He selected this land because it had outcroppings of building stone. Tradition says that he built a log cabin here and went back to Ohio to get his family and on his return found the cabin burned. He intended to build a stone house but his death a short time later prevented this. He also acquired some lots in Iowa City which later became very valuable. His daughter, Sarah Ellen, told her children that her father deeded these lots to his sons and that on the death of these boys in childhood, their estates should have gone to her, the father and mother having died and she being sole heir. It is likely however, that the estates of the boys were used for their support and burial expenses.

Mr. Kemp assisted in building the Capitol building of the Territory of Iowa at Iowa City and his name is in a box placed in the cornerstone. This fine old stone structure is now used as the Administration Building for the University of Iowa. William Kemp died August 13, 1843, this date being obtained from the County Clerk.

Wm. Kemp and Mary Moore had children:

Alexander	b. before 1842, he died in his childhood. He is said to have been deaf.
James	b. before 1842, died of Cholera at Iowa City in childhood.
Sarah Ellen	b. Sept. 1, 1842 at ^{Zanesville} Louisville , Ohio, d. at Sioux City, Iowa Sept. 29, 1917.

Mrs Mary Moore Kemp married secondly about 1845 James Stratford. ~~He~~ He was born in England and ran a bakery shop in Iowa City. The Stratford's lived on the Kemp homestead. They had several children, all of whom died in childhood of ague or yellow fever except Emma, the youngest, who was born about 1851. The mother, Mrs Kemp Stratford, died in 1852. After the death of his wife, James Stratford took his daughter Emma and went to Lewistown, Pa., where they lived for several years. There is a related family of Stratfords there who have been in the monument business continuously from 1820. This firm did business over a large territory and it is a coincidence that they furnished tombstones in 1822 for John Lytles' grave at Mifflintown, Pa. and in 1849 for Robert Lytles' grave at Hollidaysburg, Pa., the bills having been found in the estate papers.

It is not known when James Stratford was born or when he died but he is buried at Oxford, Iowa. His daughter, Emma Stratford, b. 1851, married 1874 John McKinnon, b. 1846 in Scotland. They first lived near Norway, north of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

For twenty years or more the McKinnon's lived on a farm about four miles north of Aurelia, Iowa. The compilers family lived on a farm at Sulphur Springs, Iowa and he recalls the great preparations made for visits to the McKinnons, which occurred about two years apart. The distance between the two farms was about 25 miles and to negotiate that distance in a day over the dirt roads in a buggy was a stupendous undertaking. The McKinnons were always very successful in raising all kinds of melons and our visits there in the fall were most enjoyable.

Both John and Emma McKinnon are buried at Aurelia, Iowa. She died in 1911 and he died in 1926. They had children:

Annie	b. 1877, living (1949 at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.
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William	b. 1879, d. at Dillon, Montana, 1943. Buried at Coeur D'Alene.
Walter	b. 1881, d. near Omaha, Neb.
Ella	b. 1887, d. at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, 1914.
Roy	b. 1889, d. at Aurelia, Iowa, 1911.

Annie McKinnon attended High School at Cherokee, Iowa and State Normal School at Cedar Falls, Ia, became a teacher and at the time of the dry farming rush to the West about 1910, she went to the State of Washington and homesteaded and taught school. She has been living for several years past in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. In 1841 she visited both the San Francisco and New York Fairs and called on friends and relatives at many places including the Stratfords at Lewistown, Pa.

None of the McKinnon children have married so the line is apparently coming to an end.

Sarah Ellen Kemp was less than a year old at the ~~time~~ time of her father's death and about ten years old on the death of her mother. Mr. Kemp had been a member of the Masonic Order and the Mason's wished to assist the widow but she, for some reason, being opposed to Masonry refused and the little family of young children had a difficult time. On the death of the mother, a Mr. Andrews, a merchant in Iowa City was appointed guardian for Sarah Ellen and the one brother who was living. The guardian invested the funds badly and lost the inheritance, with the exception of a few hundred dollars.

Sarah Ellen Kemp did not make her home with her stepfather but stayed at several places, chiefly with the Andrews and Henry families. She attended school at Iowa City. She naturally had very little knowledge of her parents as they died while she was so young, but she had very vivid recollections of her trying experiences as an orphan. All her life she used many Scotch phrases learned from her mother, the Andrew's and the Henry's. She often told how she as a child was sent to the neighbors to bring fire in a little bucket, there being no matches. If a fire went out, it was customary to go to a neighbor and get some live coals.

Mr. Kemp was buried at Iowa City near the Henry and Andrew's graves which have tombstones. A stone was put on the Kemp grave, but in 1918 and again in 1923 when Jonnie M. Lytle visited this spot, she could find no stone but there were indications that it had broken off and was covered over with sod. It is believed that no stones were ever put up for Alexander and James. No stone could be found for Mrs. Stratford and it is known that Mr. Stratford did not die at Iowa City but at Oxford, Iowa.

Sarah Ellen Kemp was married to Robert Brice Lytle at Scott, Johnson W., Iowa on June 9, 1857 by the Rev. Alexander Fairly.

Robert Brice Lytle was born April 7, 1834 on the Simon Payne farm near Utica, Ohio, d. Aug. 28, 1911 at Sioux City, Iowa. He was raised on a farm at Appleton, Ohio, attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, commenced teaching when he was only 16, and at one time taught at Lansing, Michigan. He and his father, John Lytle, and a brother, Lionel Branson Lytle moved to Iowa before 1859. Robert Lytle often told of the long trek from Ohio to Iowa by ox wagon and how on reaching his destination, he went back for a second load of household and farming equipment. They established the townsite of Lytle City, Iowa. It was thought that the Rock Island Railroad would run ~~th~~ west through the town, but the founders were dissatisfied, as the road went several miles to the north, and a number of years later the postoffice was discontinued and the townsite is now farm land. John Lytle ran a store at Lytle City and here Robert was employed.

Robert Lytle and his bride, Sarah Ellen Kemp, started housekeeping at Lytle City but later bought from the Dumbauld family about sixty acres of land between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. Their house was burned here and in about two years they moved to Solon where they lived for a short time. They then bought 160 acres two and a half miles northeast of Solon and lived there for twelve years, moving then to Cedar Rapids, where they lived for about one year.

In the book "From Pioneer Days in Solon and Vicinity", by Jessie Nowcomb, there is the following reference to Robert Lytle:

"....the Bob Lytle farm and on which was located a tavern that was called by the drivers of the stagecoach that ran between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids in those days the Half Way House. This was before the hotel in Solon was built."

About 1877 they moved to Storm Lake, Buena Vista County, Iowa. This was a new section of the country and land was cheap and good. The Illinois Central Railroad was being extended from Fort Dodge to Sioux City. Land was made especially cheap on account of a three year scourge of grasshoppers. They started a store in Storm Lake and ran it for about six months; meanwhile they bought 640 acres of railroad land at about \$10.00 per acre at Sulphur Springs, six miles east of Storm Lake. The railroad ran through this land. They then moved to Sulphur Springs, erected a large two story store building and lived on the second floor and had a General Store below. The compiler of this record was born in this building.

Robert Lytle was also Station Agent and Postmaster. He bought grain, handled coal, lumber, etc. He continued to purchase land until he had 1010 acres. In 1883 he built a fine set of farm buildings about a quarter mile north of the station and lived there for many years. He was a great student and reader, well posted on politics. He was a Republican, but never held public office. He was also an ardent Church worker and Bible student. He had preserved certain family

traditions and made occasional trips to Cincinnati, Ohio where he visited with his relatives and acquired a small amount of family data. He requested that a family history be prepared and the compiler has, over a long period of years, collected a large amount of data on the Lytle and other related families which he hopes to have published and preserved.

Mrs. Lytle was a life long Presbyterian. She was always cheerful and optimistic, even in the most difficult and trying times, of which she saw much. She died some six years after the death of her husband at Sioux City on Sept. 29, 1917. Both are buried in the Graceland Cemetery.

Their children;

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1. Gouverneur John Lytle, b. Mar. 15, 1860 at Solon, Ia.
d. Mar. 30, 1866.
2. Elmer Ellsworth Lytle, b. Jan. 18, 1862, at Solon, Ia. He
m. Margaret Ella Porter of Atta, Ia.
He moved to Winston, Mont. about 1890
and engaged in stock raising. His wife
is dead and they had no children. He
is now living at Townsend, Mont.
3. Flora Elsie Lytle, b. Oct. 25, 1863 at Solon, Ia., d. Aug.
5, 1920, m. John C. Patterson. They
had three children.
4. Jennie May Lytle, b. Mar. 24, 1867 at Solon, Ia., Single,
resides at 1019 14th St., Sioux City, Ia.
5. Charles Franklin Lytle, b. Sept 11, 1869. He m. Lena Elizabeth
Klingman. With his brother Leonard, he
operated the Lytle Construction Co. at
Sioux City, Ia and the surrounding states
for 16 years. He then engaged in
concrete road building and built over
1,000 miles of paved roads. Among his
many contracts were the sea wall along
the Gulf Coast, the bridge at Bradentown,
Fla., the Harvey Locks at New Orleans and
the Dennison, Possum Kingdom and
Sutherland Dams. He was an Iowa State
Senator and died May 9, 1938. His son,
Francis Kemp Lytle has carried on his
father's business and was one of four
associated contractors that built Camp
Leonard Wood in World War II. The firm
of Lytle and Green was the managing
contractor on all that part of the Alaska
Highway lying in Alaska proper. At the
present time, (1949) the C. F. Lytle
Construction Co. has large contracts for
Airports and other defense installations

in Alaska. They also have under construction in association with other Contractor's, the Pot Hole Dam in the State of Washington and the Cedar Bluff Dam in the Missouri River Basin Project.

6. John Robert Lytle, b. Sept 2, 1875 at Solon, Ia., d. May 26, 1888.

7. Leonard Lytle, the compiler of this record, was born at Sulphur Springs, Iowa, Sept. 11, 1879.

m. Mary Agnes McDonald. With my brother Charles F. Lytle carried on an extensive construction and building business at Sioux City for 16 years under the name of The Lytle Construction Co. I removed to Detroit, Mich. in 1917, where with the assistance of my sons, I operate the Lytle Construction Company. Mailing address: 1107 Fernwood, Royal Oak, Mich.

For further data on the Lytle family, the reader is directed to the Lytle Genealogy by Leonard Lytle. This is being prepared to accompany the Triplett, Payne, Kemp, Moore, Stratford, McKinnon and Lytle Genealogies and should be found in this library sometime in 1950.

The following letter was written to the compiler's sister, Jennie M. Lytle, Sioux City, Iowa by David Henry:

1148 Broadway
Boulder, Colo.
April 29, 1918

Miss Jennie M. Lytle
Sioux City, Ia.

Dear Miss Lytle,

I was well acquainted with your mother's family, Mr. Kemp also Mr. Stratford. They were our closest neighbors, both our and your people lived on the west side of the Iowa river about half way between the Turl Mill and what was called Company Mill but now named Corivill. We lived there for a good many years, both families.

I remember your grandfather Kemp well, he was a fine stout looking Scotchman would weigh about two hundred pounds. I think our family and your people came to the United States together. Mr. Kemp and my father were stonecutters and stone masons and had worked together in Cleveland, Ohio and St. Louis, Mo. Your grandfather went to Iowa first and my father a few months later and both settled together, their land joined. Mr. Kemp died when I was about 6 or 7 years old but I remember him well. We were all fishing one evening and he caught a large catfish that weighed 90 pounds. The river had lots of all kinds of fish, the country was well stocked with game, deer, turkey, prairie chicken, geese, ducks and quail.

I was not old enough when Mr. Kemp died to remember where he was buried and dont remember of ever seeing his grave but being so early I dont think there was any stone set up.

My father died when I was ten years old and I farmed the place till I was 16 years old then went to Oregon, stayed a year near Eugene then went to Yreka California and the spring of 1855 went home by water and while I was away I think your grandmother died and after I had come back your uncle James Kemp died with the cholera about the same time Mrs. George Andrews died, my mother waited on them. The Kemp family was James Kemp, Alex and your mother was all of the first family, but the Stratford family I think was one child, a girl but I would not be sure of that.

I dont remember about your Uncle Alex when nor where he died. I went back to California in 1859 and was there for seven years, mining in California, so you see I was so much away I lost track of all my old friends. The last time I came home from California was in 1866, stayed there till 1867 then went to Trinidad, Colo. and have been located here ever since. I came here to Boulder the 14th

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of this month and your letter followed me here. I will stay for several months. I stop here with my oldest daughter, Mrs. Mason. I have 4 children, Lotta, Mary, Amey and Carl D. Henry, my youngest who is in the army now. Mrs. Henry died 9 years ago also my sister a few months after. Both are buried at Trinidad, Colorado.

I was very sorry to hear of your mothers death. I remember when she had a bad toothache and I got her to smoke my pipe to cure it and it did stop it, the tobacco made her very sick. I was in Iowa City, November 10th, 1917 for several days and looked for my parents graves but failed to find them and I am glad to hear you found them. I am pretty sure your people are buried close to them as all old settlers was buried in one locality.

I am a well preserved young man only 81 years old and havent been sick so I had to go to bed for 60 years. I am sorry we did not happen there at the same time and talked everything over.

You can write me any time you feel like, direct to Boulder, Colo. 1145 Broadway or to Trinidad, Colo. 419 West 1st St.

I will now close. With best wishes from David Henry, and hope to hear from you at any time.

David Henry

In a letter to the compiler, dated Oct. 26, 1920, Mr. Henry said:

"My father and Mr. Kemp came to the United States together and about two years later settled in Iowa, one mile from Iowa City. They both worked on the old Capitol, now a part of the State University. They were both stone cutters. My father and mother both lived in Forres, Morayshire, Scotland but I don't know whether Mr. Kemp did or not, but very likely he did. I have no old records or letters."

Annie McKinnon wrote the compiler April 12, 1949:

"Mr. Kemp carved the steps of the Capitol Building. They have been removed and are now in the University Museum at Iowa City."

In an old letter written to the compiler by his Mother, she made the following statements:

"The Bill to make the old Capitol fireproof will pass ... some of the stone was taken from the quarry on my fathers land and he helped build it and his name was placed in the cornerstone. That was your Grandfather Kemp. I used to think I most owned it. Our land came to the cornerstone of the city."

Copies of this first draft of the record of these families will be placed in the Public Libraries of Zanesville, Ohio; Solon, Iowa and the State Historical Society, Iowa City, Iowa.

As soon as the material can be printed, copies will be placed in all State Libraries and many other Libraries and Historical Societies throughout the United States, Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Leonard Lytle

Mailing address:

1107 Fernwood
Royal Oak, Michigan

The first of these is the fact that the
country is not a homogeneous one, but
is composed of many different
tribes and nations, each with its
own language and customs.

The second is the fact that the
country is not a united one, but
is divided into many different
states, each with its own
government and laws.

THE END

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THE RECORDS OF THE KEMP FAMILY IN JOHNSON COUNTY IOWA
AS ABSTRACTED AT THE IOWA CITY COURT HOUSE JUNE ~~XXXX~~ 1951
BY LEONARD LYTLE

In a small book labeled "Original Deeds" there is the following
affadavit.

"State Land Office xxx do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct abstract of deeds of all the lots
deeded by the Territory or State in the Original Town Plat
of Iowa City as shown by the records now on file in this office
Dated 1860 and signed by A.B.Miller, Register."

Listed in this book is the following.---

Out Lot 26---Heirs of William Kemp-Mch 27-1848

Apparently some question arose as to the validity of the title to this
land as in Book 103-page 4 is recorded the following.

Heirs of William Kemp, filed for record April 3, 1908.

"Whereas by a joint resolution of the General Assembly approved Jan.
25, 1848 the Governor is authorized and directed to execute to the
heirs of William Kemp, deceased a deed for out lot No 26 as
designated on the recorded plat of Iowa City."

I was unable to find the deed from the Governor to the heirs. *The deed
must be the one.*

At the Clerks Office the estate of Wm Kemp is indexed as follow

Wm Kemp executor or administrator Mary J. Kemp-Jan 18, 1844
Book 1, page 331-General Entries, Book 1, page 421

Book 1 page 331, Record of the Estate of Wm Kemp. "It having been satis-
factorily proven to this court that Wm. Kemp died intestate on or
about the 13th of Aug 1843 the Court on application of Mary Jane
Kemp (widow of said deceased) of County of Johnson has appointed
her administrator of the Estate of said Wm Kemp. Jane Kemp, widow,
appointed adm, Jan 18, 1844. George Andrews was security on her \$300
bond. Bond was signed --Mary Jane Kemp by her mark and by George Andrews
by his mark. Note by L.L. It looks as though they might have signed in
the book as the signatures are in a diferent hand.

Inventory.

2 log chains, 1 saddle, 1 bridle, 4 augurs, 1 plane, 1 saw,
2 guns, 1 pair of pistols, one lot of stone cutters tools,
1 clock, 1 watch, 1 lot in Iowa City No --, 1 set of horse
harness.

Sale.

1 shot gun David Henry \$4 also 1 saddle \$1.50
F.M. Irish bought some things. Total sale \$38.36

Appraisal by George Andrews, \$72.00, also \$46 in Iowa Script.

"We understand that Block No 26 on the Plan of Iowa City
was purchased by William Kemp and paid for in work to the
amount of \$150 but there has no deed been received for
said lot nor can we obtain the Territorial Agents
Certificate for the payment, we therefore feel some doubt
as to our duty to place it in the list.

Signed George Andrews

John Horner and A.J. Beeson

David Henry received \$2.93 for an account owing him.

On the ----day of --- 184---Mary Jane Kemp, Administrator intermarried with one ----- Stratford and having intermarried her wish to this court to have George Andrews appointed Administrator in her place and stead xxxxxxxx. The court xxxxx James Stratford married the Administrator Jan 1, 1846-not having finished her administration of the estate. The court appointed George Andrews in her place. Andrews bond was \$600.00

Guardianship of Kemp Children

Book 5 page 194. Aug 27 1853 George Andrews appointed guardian of James and Helem Kemp--minor children of Wm. Kemp. Bond \$600.00

Book 5-page 521, George Andrews Guardian, versus Sarah Helen Kemp Sept 7, 1857, Attorney Wm. ---- Clarke. Sarah Helen Kemp also appeared by J.B. Edwards Guardian Ad Litem appointed for her by the court on motion of Attorney. Petition to sell certain real estate, Aug 25, 1857. Property unproductive and is being exposed to waste. Being Lot 26 in Iowa City. Court approved private sale at highest price obtainable. Court appointed Geo. McCullough, John Clark and Geo. S. Hampton, appraisers. --- Court ordered Andrews to post bond for \$2000.00

5-515 Aug 4, 1857. Petition to sell certain real estate. Lot 26 in Iowa City--hearing set on Sept 7, 1857.

3-29, Sarah Helen Kemp-----, Feb 22, 1858¹⁸⁵⁸--report of sale.

Lot 26 sold at \$1000.00 to Samuel Ashcraft on promissory note
Payable one third on June 27, 1858
one third on June 27, 1859
one third on June 27, 1860

3-258 Ellen Lytle, formerly Ellen Kemp Versus George Andrews, *She was* Guardian. Citation issued to John Wilson, Sheriff requiring George *marriage* Andrews to make an accounting on Aug. 21, 1860

3-265, Andrews asks further time to report"and plaintiff came not; (Ellen Lytle did not appear) Court gave time and Andrews ordered to appear March 2, 1861.

3-309, March 4, 1862. Court set new date- April next.

3-320 All parties failed to appear on April 2, 1861. Case continued to May 6th next.

3-327, Helen M Kemp, versus Geo. Andrews, Guardian. April 30, 1862. Helen M. Lytle by attorney-asked for summons-- hearing set May 2, 1861, order to sheriff.

3-336, "Plaintiff came not but heron makes default". Whereon by motion of defendant (Andrews) this cause is dismissed, and the costs taxed to Helen M. Lytle, \$6.85. (costs are listed out)

3-581, Helen M. Lytle Versus Geo. Andrews. Citation issued requiring Andrews to appear May ----?

3-589, Geo. Andrews, former guardian of Helen M. Kemp, Hearing held April 16, 1863, service accepted by Andrews on same day. and the parties failing to appear case continued to 1st Monday June next.

3-611, June 1, 1863. Geo. Andrews appeared, "but Plaintiff's came not but herein makes default, --upon motion of defendant, this cause is dismissed and costs taxed to the plaintiffs" -- \$3 judgement issued against said Helen M. Lytle.

The above completes the records found by Leonard Lytle regarding the Estate of William Kemp and the Guardianship of his children. The proceedings of the court sessions are very sketchy and brief. There are probably dozens of papers filed in the cases but none of the clerks in the Clerks office seemed to know how to find them. The walls of the vault are lined with steel filing document files and these probably contain the original documents filed with the court.

Lytle family tradition has it that the court house at Iowa City burned at an early date. The various officials denied this and the records show no break in continuity. The caretaker of the cemetery said that the City Hall had burned at an early date destroying the records of the first cemetery. Chas. Barrott the above mentioned caretaker is in charge of the Oakland Cemetery and with his assistance we found the Henry and Andrews graves. They are on Out Lots 83, Block 3 and are in the extreme south end of the cemetery on Church Street in what is called the "Old Part". There was some thought that the Kemp graves might be close to the Henrys and Andrews but we could find none. Lot 78 which adjoins Out Lot 83 has no stones on it and might be the Kemp lot.

Sarah Ellen Kemp was born in Zanesville, Ohio Sept 1, 1842. Her father William Kemp had come to Iowa City before this and then returned to Ohio to bring his family.

William Kemp had two other children,

Alexander born before 1842 it is thought and he died in his childhood. The fact that he is not mentioned in the guardianship proceedings Book 5, page 194 on Aug 27, 1853 indicates he was then dead.

James born before 1842, died of cholera at Iowa City in childhood. As his name is mentioned in the first guardianship proceedings on Aug 27th, 1853 he was living at that time. Note that his name does not again appear in later court records so he must have died shortly after 1853.

Note the various ~~xxxxxx~~ names given Sarah Ellen Kemp in the court records.

It is possible that some civil suits arose over the disposition of Out Lot #26 and the funds from the sale. It is likely also that there was a suit to clear title to this property.

William Kamps wife, Mary Moore, married secondly James Stratford in 1846 *Jan*

She died 1852

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